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**Office Action Summary**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 December 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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## DETAILED ACTION

### Status of Claims

1. Claims 1, 10, 14, 17, 20 and 26-32 are currently amended. Claims 1-32 are pending in this application per the response to office action filed on December 20, 2006.

### *Response to Arguments*

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-32 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

**Claims 1-32**, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hayes et al U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0200216 A1.

As per **claims 1, 20 and 26**, Hayes et al discloses an information service method, comprising the steps of:

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recording identification information that is unique to a non-recordable data recording medium to the recording medium (fig. 9 and 10; 0023; 0025; 0026; 0028; 0030);

correlatively storing the identification information and management information corresponding to the data recording medium at the management server (0028; 0025; 0030);

reading the identification information from the data recording medium when data is reproduced from the data recording medium (0025; 0028; 0030; ...system then reads the disc identification information...);

transmitting the identification information from the data recording medium to a communication network (fig. 19; 0028; 0030);

receiving at the management server the transmitted identification information and reading the management information correlated with the identification information (0025; 0028; 0030; ...the client device communicates a unique identifier associated with a particular piece of media...);

providing the management information read at the management information reading step (fig. 7; 0025; 0028; 0082; 0083); and

reproducing the content data on the data recording medium in accordance with the provided management information (fig. 5; 0024; 0025; ...write encrypted data stream to media...).

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As per **claims 2, 11, 21 and 27**, Hayes et al further discloses the information service method, wherein the data recording medium is an optical disc of which a reproduction signal is obtained in accordance with reflected light or radiated light (0024; 0025; 0023; 0027).

As per **claims 3, 12, 22 and 28**, Hayes et al further discloses the information service method, wherein the management information contains use limit information that represents a license of a user for content data recorded on the data recording medium (0024; 0025; 0033; 0035; 0142 "...usage permitted...").

As per **claims 4, 13, 23, and 29**, Hayes et al further discloses the information service method, wherein the use limit information contains at least one of the number of times the content data recorded on the data recording medium can be reproduced, the reproduction expiration date and time, and the number of times the content data recorded on the data recording medium can be copied (0043; 0125; 0131; 0142).

As per **claim 5**, Hayes et al further discloses the information service method, further comprising:

setting the use limit information when the data recording medium is obtained (0142; "...describes the usages permitted under the license..."),

wherein the management information that is correlated with the identification information and stored at the storing step is set in accordance with the use limit

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information that has been set at the use limit information setting step (see fig. 13B; 0142; 0143).

As per **claim 6**, Hayes et al further discloses the information service method, wherein when the data recording medium is used, the identification information is read from the data recording medium and the management information is rewritten in accordance with the identification information that has been read and a use mode (0023).

As per **claim 7**, Hayes et al further discloses the information service method, further comprising the step of:

issuing key data that allows the content data recorded on the data recording medium to be reproduced in accordance with the management information that has been read at the management information reading step (0025; 0027; 0028).

As per **claim 8**, Hayes et al further discloses the information service method, wherein the key data issued at the key issuing step is transmitted to a reproducing side that reproduces data from the data recording medium through the communication network (0027; 0028).

As per **claims 9, 18, 25, and 31**, Hayes et al further discloses the information service method, wherein license information for content data recorded on the data

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recording medium is added to the key data issued at the key issuing step in accordance with the management information and transmitted through the communication network (0025; 0027; 0028; ...server encrypts electronic content using unique identifier as key...).

As per claim 10, Hayes et al discloses an information service system, comprising:

an identification information recording unit for recording identification information that is unique to a non-recordable data recording medium to the data recording medium (fig. 9 and 10; 0023; 0026; 0028; 0030);

an information terminal unit having:

reproducing unit configured to reproduce data from the data recording medium (fig. 5; 0159; "...write encrypted data stream to media..."), and

identification information reading unit configured to read the identification information from a reproduction output of the reproducing unit (fig. 5; 0024; 0025; 0028); and

a server unit having:

a memory configured to correlatively store the identification information and management information corresponding to the data recording medium (fig. 5; 0024; 0025; 0028), and

wherein the server unit is configured to read the management information stored by the memory in accordance with the identification information transmitted from the

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information terminal unit (0024; 0025; 0028; ...the client device communicates a unique identifier associated with a particular piece of media...) wherein

said terminal unit is configured to reproduce the data on the data recording medium in accordance with the provided management information (fig. 5; 0024; 0025; 0028; "...write encrypted data stream to media...").

As per claim 14, Hayes et al further discloses the information service system, further comprising:

an identification information reading unit configured to read the identification information recorded on the data recording medium and transmit the identification information to the server unit when the data recording medium is obtained (fig. 5; 0024; 0025; 0028; ...the client device communicates a unique identifier associated with a particular piece of media...).

As per claim 15, Hayes et al further discloses the information service system, wherein the identification information reading unit is configured to set user's license for the data recording medium and transmit the license to the server unit along with the identification information (fig. 13B; 0024; 0025; 0028).

As per claim 16, Hayes et al further discloses the information service system, wherein when data is reproduced from the data recording medium, the identification information that has been read from the data recording medium and information that

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represents a use mode of the data recording medium are transmitted from the information terminal unit to the server unit (see fig. 5; 0024; 0025; 0028), and

wherein the server unit is configured to rewrite the management information in accordance with the identification information and the information that represents the uses state that have been transmitted (fig. 5; 0024; 0025; 0028).

As per claim 17, Hayes et al further discloses the information service system, wherein when data is reproduced from the data recording medium by the reproducing unit, the information terminal unit is configured to transmit the identification information that has been read by the identification information reading unit to the server unit (fig. 5; 0024; 0025; 0028; ...the client device communicates a unique identifier associated with a particular piece of media...), and

wherein the server unit is configured to issue key data that allows content data recorded on the data recording medium to be reproduced in accordance with the management information that has been read from the memory in accordance with the identification information that has been transmitted and transmit the key data to the information terminal unit (fig. 5; 0024; 0025; 0028).

As per claims 19 and 32, Hayes et al further discloses the information service system, wherein the information terminal unit is configured to store a part of the management information (fig. 7; 0027; 0028).

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As per claims 24 and 30, Hayes et al further discloses the reproducing or recording controlling method,

wherein the server unit is configured to transmit key data that has been issued by the server unit in accordance with the management information correlated with the identification information, the key data being configured to control whether to reproduce content data recorded on the data recording medium or to record the content data recorded on the data recording medium to another recording medium (0025; 0027; 0028; ...server encrypts electronic content using unique identifier as key...).

***Conclusion***

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

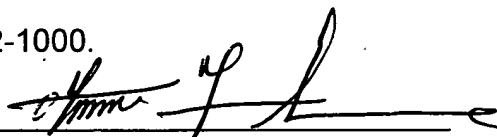
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles C. Agwumezie whose number is **(571) 272-6838**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

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